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1. ACCORDING TO GERMAN INTELLIGENCE SOURCE, GUINEAN AMBASSADOR HERE PROTESTED TO MALIAN GOVERNMENT ABOUT DISCOVERY IN INTERIOR OF GUINEA OF CASE MALIAN ARMS. SOURCE SAID THAT ARMS (NOT OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED BUT BELIEVED TO BE OF CHINESE ORGIN) HAD BEEN DROPPED OFF " BY A MALIAN MILITARY TRUCK ENROUTE FROM CONAKRY TO BAMA KO". GUINEAN AMBASSADOR REPORTEDLY CHARGED THAT MALIANS TRYING TO ARM GUINEAN OPPONENTS OF SEKOU TOURE.

2. WHILE THIS SOUNDS A BIT FANTASTIC, IT DOES FIT IN WITH PATTERN OF ACCUSATIONS IN REFTTEL. ALSO, SOME RECENT GUINEAN ACCUSATIONS AGAINST MALI ARE JUST THAT, I. E., FABLE OF MAMADOU BA AND THE MERCENARIES. ALL THIS SHOWS AGAIN THAT ALTHOUGH GUINEA AND MALI

" GREAT FRIENDS" ON THE SURFACE, UNDERNEATH THERE SEETHES MISTRUST, BAD FEELINGS, AND SUSPICION ON PART OF SEKOU THAT MILITARY COMMITTEE ENCOURAGE GUINEAN MILITARY TO OVERTHROW HIM. GUINEAN AMBASSADOR DIAKITE ACKNOWLEDGED TO ME LAST WEEK THAT GOG- GOM RELATIONS ARE PRESENTLY RATHER STRAINED.

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